



St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Pilgrimage to Italy

Rome, Bologna and Venice

October 01-11, 2023



Day 1 – Sunday, October 01

Departure from Newark to Rome.

(Dinner and breakfast served enroute)

Day 2 – Monday, October 02

Upon arrival in Rome, you will be met by tour escort Marco Campagna, who will be with us for the duration of our pilgrimage in Italy. Transfer to the Hotel Savoy. The Hotel Savoy is housed in a **late XIX century historical building** that welcomes with vintage furniture and big mirrors, marble and sumptuous Murano glass chandeliers. The hotel is in the heart of Rome. **Its location is central but quiet at the same time**, on the corner with Via Veneto and Via Ludovisi, at a short distance from the Spanish Steps, the Trevi Fountain and the most famous attractions of Rome. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant featuring live entertainment. **(D)**



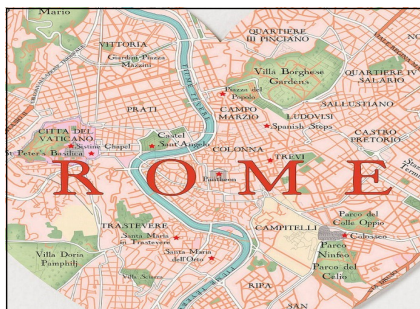
Day 3 – Tuesday, October 03

In the morning, there will be a guided tour of the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel plus St. Peter's Basilica. The Vatican Museums include works from the immense collection amassed by the Catholic church throughout the centuries, including several of the most well-known Roman sculptures and most important masterpieces of Renaissance art in the world. The Sistine Chapel is one of the Vatican's proudest features. Set in the confines of the Vatican City's ancient backdrop, the chapel is famous for its extensive collection of Renaissance art that has been painted by some of the world's most famous artists. St. Peter's Basilica is the universal headquarters of the Catholic Church as well as the Pope's residence. Admire the magnificence of the building, and also walk through its corridors, visit the chapels and enjoy the beauty of numerous works of art, such as Michelangelo's La Pietà. In the afternoon, visit the catacombs where early Christians, fearing persecution, hid and also buried their dead. Evening – Enjoy some free time to explore Rome and local restaurants on your own. **(B)**

Day 4 – Wednesday, October 04

Half day guided tour of Ancient Rome including admission to the Colosseum and Forum. The Colosseum in Rome is the world's largest amphitheater that hosted events like gladiatorial games. It was built during the reign of the Flavian emperors as a gift to the Roman people. It is over 1,900 years old and is one of the New 7 Wonders of the world.

The Forum is one of the most spectacular sights in Rome — a vast, ruin-filled area that speaks to the glory days of the Roman Empire. Don't forget your cameras — It is one of the most photographed — and photogenic — areas of Rome. Afternoon — free time to explore Rome on your own. Evening - dinner a local restaurant. **(B,D)**



Day 5 – Thursday, October 05

Transfer from Rome to Bologna with a stop in Assisi for a guided tour of St Francis Basilica and Santa Chiara Basilica. The Papal Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi is the mother church of the Order of Friars Minor, commonly known as the Franciscan Order. Assisi is the city where St. Francis was born and died. The basilica is one of the most important places of Christian pilgrimage in Italy. The Basilica of Saint Clare Chiara is dedicated to and contains the remains of Saint Clare, a follower of Saint Francis of Assisi and founder of the Order of Poor Ladies, known today as the Order of Saint Clare. Lunch before continuing to Bologna. Bologna is the lively, historic capital of the Emilia-Romagna region in northern Italy. Its Piazza Maggiore is a sprawling plaza lined with arched colonnades, cafes and medieval and Renaissance structures such as City Hall, the Fountain of Neptune and the Basilica di San Petronio. Among the city's many medieval towers are the Two Leaning Towers, Asinelli and Garisenda. Bologna is considered Italy's gastronomical capital. Exquisite food is found throughout the city. This is largely owing to the fact that the surrounding Emilia-Romagna region is home to world-class balsamic vinegar, parma ham and parmesan cheese. Dinner at a local restaurant. **(B, L, D)**

Day 6 – Friday, October 06

Excursion to the countryside to visit a Parmigiano producer with tasting, followed by a visit to a Prosciutto maker followed by a tasting and lunch and a visit to an Acetaia where they make Balsamic Vinegar. Discover the secrets of Parma's most traditional products. First, stop at the Parmigiano Reggiano PDO production factory. Discover how milk is processed and transformed into Parmigiano Reggiano PDO. Find out why this extraordinary cheese can be preserved for years and why its quality improves over time without any chemical additives. Learn how to distinguish the aging of cheese thanks to a guided tasting. Continue to the Parma Ham PDO production factory. See the production phases of this renowned meat. Start from the meat processing and lose yourself in a journey of flavors. End your tour with a tasting of Parma ham and savor its sweetness and unique flavor. Lunch before the return to Bologna. **(B,L)**

Day 7 – Saturday, October 07

Full day excursion to Ravenna. Ravenna is renowned for its brilliant mosaics and many fine examples of Byzantine art and architecture. There is a lot to love about the city—art, history, culture, and beauty. Ravenna has it all. Named a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its stunning Byzantine mosaics, the city was a bridge between Europe and the Eastern world, giving it an exotic tinge. Guided tour including admission to San Vitale, Galla Placidia Mausoleum and the Basilica of San Vitale, a sixth-century church, an important surviving example of early Christian Byzantine art and architecture. It is one of eight structures in Ravenna inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. The Basilica of Sant' Apollinare is a church in Classe, Ravenna, Italy, consecrated on 9 May 549 by the bishop Maximian and dedicated to Saint Apollinaris, the first bishop of Ravenna and Classe. The Mausoleum of Galla Placidia is among the biggest attractions in Ravenna. Built between 425 and 450, the monument is world-famous for the mosaics that adorn the interior. The Galla Placidia Mausoleum is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Return to Bologna, dinner at a local restaurant. **(B,D)**





Day 8 – Sunday, October 08

Transfer from Bologna to Venice with a stop in Padua to visit St Anthony’s Basilica. The Basilica of Saint Anthony of Padua is the most important Catholic church in Padua and one of the largest in the world, housing some of the world’s most important art treasures. The church, dedicated to Saint Anthony of Padua, is visited every year by over 6.5 million pilgrims, making it one of the most revered shrines in the Christian world. Saint Anthony of Padua was a Portuguese Catholic priest and friar of the Franciscan Order. He was born and raised in Lisbon and died in Padua on June 13, 1231. Saint Anthony is one of the most beloved saints in the world. He is the “Wonder Worker”, whose feast day is celebrated on 13 June, the date of his death, but he was above all a great spiritual leader, and was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XII. He devoted the most significant part of his ministry in Padua and died and was buried there in 1231. Pope Gregory IX canonized him only a year after his death, making him one of the most quickly canonized saints in church history.

Upon arrival in Venice transfer by private motorboat to the Hotel Ala. Venice, the capital of northern Italy’s Veneto region, is built on more than 100 small islands in a lagoon in the Adriatic Sea. It has no roads, just canals – including the Grand Canal thoroughfare – lined with Renaissance and Gothic palaces. The central square, Piazza San Marco, contains St. Mark’s Basilica, which is tiled with Byzantine mosaics, and the Campanile bell tower offering views of the city’s red roofs. In the evening - dinner at a local restaurant. **(B, D)**

Day 9 – Monday, October 09

In the morning a two-hour guided tour of St. Mark’s Square including admission to the Doges’ Palace and St. Mark Basilica. St. Mark’s Square is the spectacular epicenter of Venice. Called the “drawing room of Europe,” by Napoleon, the square gets its name from St. Mark’s Basilica, the stunning church where the remains of St. Mark are kept. This intricately designed Cathedral is comprised of 85,000 square feet, five domes, and golden mosaics. The Basilica is known for always being the center of the public and religious life in the city of Venice. The Doge’s Palace is built in Venetian Gothic style, and is one of the main landmarks of Venice. A masterpiece of Gothic architecture, the Doge’s Palace is an impressive structure composed of layers of building elements and ornamentation, from its 14th and 15th century original foundations to the significant Renaissance and opulent Mannerist adjunctions. The palace was the residence of the Doge of Venice, the supreme authority of the former Republic of Venice. It was built in 1340 and extended and modified in the following centuries. It became a museum in 1923 and is one of the 11 museums run by the Fondazione Musei Civici di Venezia. Afternoon free. **(B)**

Day 10 – Tuesday, October 10

Excursion to the island of Burano and Murano by private motorboat and guide. Burano is an island in the Venetian Lagoon, northern Italy, known for its lace work and brightly colored homes. Murano is famous for its beautiful blown glass. The island has been the epicenter of Venetian glass since the Middle Ages and visitors today can still see how local crafters blow their pieces of art. The island of Murano is an enchanting place where time stopped and glass making preserves all the charm of past centuries. Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant. **(B,D)**

Day 11 – Wednesday, October 11

Morning - transfer by private water taxi to Venice airport for the return to Newark.

\$4980.00 per person / double occupancy

Price is based on minimum of 26 travelers, if group size falls below 26, price may increase.

A few single occupancy rooms available \$1305.00 additional cost—please call for availability

Hotel accommodations:

3 nights Rome accommodations in Hotel Savoy Via Ludovisi, 15 Roma 00187 Tel (011) 39 421 551

3 nights Bologna accommodations in Hotel Cavour Via Goito, Bologna 40126 Tel (011) 51 22 81 11

3 nights Venice accommodations in Hotel Ala San Marco 2494, Venice 30124 Tel (011) 39 041 52 08333

Included:

Roundtrip Airfare (Newark, NJ to Rome—Venice to Newark, NJ)

Breakfast daily

2 dinners in Rome at local restaurants including wine

2 dinner in Bologna at local restaurants including wine

2 dinner in Venice at local restaurants including wine

Lunch in Assisi

Lunch in Parma

All transfers , excursions and entrance fees as per itinerary, with air-conditioned private, deluxe motorcoach, with private English Speaking Tour Guide Marco Campagna (a past St. Anthony Parish favorite guide)

Private motorcoach transport throughout except in Venice where motorboat transfer is provided

Baggage handling while on tour, 1 bag (max weight 50lbs) per person

All hotel taxes and service charges and gratuities for drivers and guide.

Not Included: Meals, beverages, and sightseeing other than that which is listed in the specific itinerary, passport fees, any item of a personal nature including dry cleaning & additional baggage fees.

Passport: A valid U.S. Passport is required for all U.S. Citizens. Passport must be valid for 6 months following the return date of the trip or boarding may be denied or entry into the destination may be forbidden.

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RESERVATION APPLICATION

NAME: _____ Date of Birth _____
Please print name as it appears on passport

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ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

Tel: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Passport Number: _____ Issue Date: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Emergency Contact Information: Name: _____

Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

ENCLOSED:

☐ Deposit: **\$500.00** per person + optional Insurance (details on back)

Payment by: CHECK Please make check payable to: **Spring House Travel**

OR Credit Card (with 4% service fee – transaction process by Italian Exclusive Vacations)

Deposit amount covers tour deposit & airfare deposit. Cancellation penalties listed on back

☐ Requesting a Single Room (\$1305.00 single supplement)

☐ Rooming with _____

☐ Photocopy of passport(s) enclosed (picture page) passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date

☐ I will send photocopy of passport(s) prior to final payment date

☐ I wish to purchase Cancellation/Interruption Insurance (payable at time of deposit)

☐ I am declining Cancellation/Interruption Insurance, I am fully aware of penalties as outlined

☐ Special Airline seating request _____ (seat preference not guaranteed)

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PLEASE NOTE: Group price is based on min. 26 passenger. Rate is based on exchange rate (USD-EURO) at time of printing (18Feb23). Cost may fluctuate if rate of exchange changes (increase or decrease) before final payment date.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS: \$500.00 per person deposit due at time of booking. Full payment due 75 days prior to departure (July 18, 2023). Prices are based on current costs and foreign exchange rates and therefore subject to change. To offer lowest price rate is based on check payments. If you prefer to pay with credit card, additional 4% charge will be added by Italian Exclusive Vacations.

Passport required for all U.S.citizens – Passport must be valid for 6 months past return date.

Cancellation penalties:

Time of deposit to 91 days prior to departure	\$250.00 per person
90-76 days prior to departure	\$500.00 per person
75-60 days prior to departure	25% per person
59-45 days prior to departure	50% per person
44 or less days prior to departure	100% per person

Allianz Group Travel Insurance is available for \$367.00 per person*

Trip Cancellation – up to 100% of amount of coverage

Trip Interruption – up to 150% of amount of coverage

Trip Delay – up to \$750.00 max per person

Baggage Coverage – up to \$1,500.00 per person

Baggage Delay – up to \$500.00 per person

Emergency Medical Dental – up to \$50,000.00

Emergency Transportation – up to \$250,000.00

24 Hour Assistance

*Single occupancy surcharge will increase premium to \$477.00 total

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